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In the application of :
Lee Michael Teras, et al. : Confirmation No. 5006
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For METHOD FOR CONSTRAIN-FRYING SNACK PIECES HAVING INTACT SURFACE
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SUPPLEMENTAL
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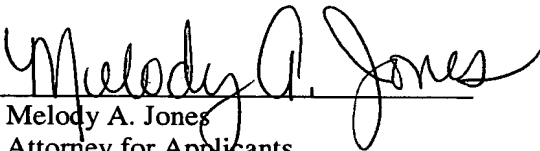
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